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prior to the March hearings. The nine states that are holding out are obviously trying to protect their companies in their own state. e.g. Oracle, AOL, Sun Microsystems

etc. They are putting themselves above the consumer by delaying the settlement. All they want is their pound of flesh, nothing more. It is getting so obvious that hopefully the judge will see through it. It was a good thing the DOJ

made the effort to settle with Microsoft. The sooner it is over, the better it will be for the stock market and the consuming public.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinion.

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